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AND GENERALCOUNSEL KNEBEL

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1. AGATTACHE MET WITH DEPUTY MINISTER AGRICULTURE
RUNOV; AGRICULTURAL CONSELOR KONYGIN OF SOVIET
EMBASSY, WASHINGTON; AND BRUSOV, MEMBER FOREIGN
RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, USSR MINAGR; SEPTEMBER 6 TO
DISCUSS UPCOMING MEETING US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE
ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION. AGATTACHE INFORMED
RUNOV OF PERTINENT PORTIONS REFTEL. RUNOV'S
COUNTER PROPOSALS FOLLOW.

2. TIMING OF MEETING: RUNOV PROPOSED JOINT
COMMITTEE MEETING BEGIN OCTOBER 3 OR 4 FOR PERIOD
OF APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS. FIRST TWO OR THREE DAYS
IN MOSCOW ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS. NEXT FOUR OR FIVE DAYS
VISITING AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES, FARMS, AND
OTHER ENTERPRISES IN UKRAINE, ARMENIA, AND LENINGRAD.
FINAL DAY IN MOSCOW TO APPROVE TEXT OF "PROTOCOL".

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RUNOV OBSERVED WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PREPARE FOR MEETING

BY SEPTEMBER 27, AND TWO DAYS INSUFFICIENT FOR SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS.

3. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE: RUNOV SUGGESTED EACH SIDE LIMIT PARTICIPATION TO SIX MEMBERS, INCLUDING CO-CHAIRMAN. HE LATER SUGGESTED THAT HEADS OF JOINT WORKING GROUPS BE INCLUDED, THUS INCREASING TOTAL TO EIGHT. COMPOSITION OF SOVIET SIDE LISTED AS FOLLOWS: PERMANENT CO-CHAIRMAN RUNOV, (HE NOTED THAT USSR MINISTER AGRICULTURE POLYANSKIY MAY SIT IN AS CO-CHAIRMAN ON OCCASION); KOZYNIR, CHIEF OF AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT , STATE COMMITTEE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; RUDENKO, DEPUTY CHIEF OF AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT, STATE PLANNING COMMISSION; KHOROSHILOV, CHIEF, GRAIN AND FIELD CROPS DEPARTMENT, USSR MINAG; RODIN, ACTING CHIEF, FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT , USSR MINAG; AND CHEREPANOV, DEPUTY CHIEF, SCIENCE AND EXTENSION DEPARTMENT, USSR MINAG. OTHER OFFICIALS AT THE LEVEL OF CHIEF OR DEPUTY CHIEF OF AN ADMINISTRATION MAY BE INCLUDED AS REQUIRED. THESE COULD INCLUDE OFFICIALS OF THE ALL-UNION AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY ORGANIZATION, THE MINISTRY OF RECLAMATION AND WATER ECONOMY, AND THE MINISTRY OF PROCUREMENTS.

4. FORM AND CONTENT OF PROTOCOL": RUNOV PROPOSED THAT PROTOCOL CONSIST OF THREE SECTIONS: (1) DEVELOPMENT OF US-USSR COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE; (2) PLAN OF WORK FOR 1974-1975; (3) PLAN OF WORK FOR FUTURE YEARS. FIRST SECTION WOULD BE LARGELY HISTORICAL BEGINNING WITH AGRICULTURAL EXCHANGES AND EXCHANGES OF STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS UNDER CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT FIRST SIGNED IN 1958, AND SUMMARIZING ALL US-USSR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN AGRICULTURE TO DATE. SECOND SECTION WOULD SPECIFY SUBJECTS, RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, AND FORMS OF COOPERATION OF PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN DURING CY 1974 AND 1975. THIS SECTION WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY TWO APPENDICES -- ONE FOR EACH OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUPS --- GIVING MORE DETAILS OF JOINT PROJECTS. THIRD SECTION WOULD BE MORE GENERAL AND WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED BY APPENDICES.

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5. JOINT "COORDINATORS" FOR SPECIFIC SUBJECT AREAS: RUNOV SUGGESTED THAT JOINT COORDINATORS" BE NAMED FOR EACH OF THE SUBJECT AREAS LISTED UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF THE AGREEMENT. THREE OF THE SUBJECT AREAS (ONE, TWO AND TEN) WOULD FALL WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON ECONOMICS , AND SEVEN (THREE THROUGH NINE) WOULD BE UNDER THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE.

6. AGRICULTURAL COUNSELOR KONYGIN RETURNS TO WASHINGTON
SEPTEMBER 12 AND WILL PRESENT DETAILS OF SOVIET PROPOSALS
TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRUNTHAVER.

7. RE KNEBEL: RUNOV EXPRESSED HIS READINESS TO RECEIVE
GENERAL COUNSEL KNEBEL, AND TO ARRANGE LECTURES AND
CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL SPECIALISTS OF THE USSR MINAG AND
OF VARIOUS LEGAL INSTITUTES IN MOSCOW, KIEV, AND LENINGRAD
DURING EARLY OCTOBER. RUNOV ALSO MENTIONED HIS DESIRE TO
ENGAGE IN A SIMILAR PROGRAM IN THE US IN THE FIELD OF
MECHANIZATION OF AGRICULTURE.
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